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Treasurer Angelides Visits UC-San Francisco On Statewide Tour To Protect Critical Role Of California's Public Higher Education Campuses In State's Economy

Two-Day Tour Visits UCSF's Pioneering Medical Research Lab, as Governor Schwarzenegger Proposes to Slash Funding, Hike Tuition, and Cut Financial Aid

SAN FRANCISCO – California State Treasurer Phil Angelides today toured new, state-of-the-art research facilities at the University of California, San Francisco's (UCSF) Mission Bay campus as part of a two-day statewide tour to protect the critical role of California's world-renowned public higher education system in the State's economy. The Treasurer is visiting University of California (UC), California State University (CSU) and California Community College campuses from Chico to San Diego on Tuesday and Wednesday, highlighting the diversity and accomplishments of various research, educational, and training programs at six different schools, and how the programs contribute to California's economic competitiveness and the State's leading role in the global economy.

The Treasurer's tour comes in the wake of the release of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's recent budget that proposes deep cuts in state funding, steep tuition hikes, reduced enrollment, and cuts in financial aid for higher education across the State.

"As treasurer, my first priority must be to protect our economy today, and build our economy for tomorrow," Angelides said. "I believe we need to burnish the crown jewel that is this State's higher education system, not break it down into shards. Unfortunately, the Governor's budget would shatter California's historic commitment to its public colleges and universities. We must fight to protect and increase investments in these institutions, as they will be our ticket to economic progress in the decades ahead, just as they were in the last half of the 20th century."

Angelides made UCSF's Mission Bay campus the fifth stop on his statewide tour, visiting a modern research laboratory that is doing potentially lifesaving AIDS and cancer research. The new Mission Bay teaching and research campus is expected to double the university's research space and speed the pace of biotechnology research. UCSF is one of the world's premier medical and research institutions, and a pioneering institution in biomedical research leading to new medical treatments and technologies.

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In meeting with UCSF faculty and scientists and touring the Mission Bay campus, the Treasurer said, “World-class research institutions like UCSF have played an integral role in making California the geographical and intellectual center of the world’s biotechnology industry. We are here today fighting for the UC, CSU and Community College systems because of the leading role they play in our State’s and nation’s economic competitiveness, and the value they provide to our society.”

In its nearly 130-year history, UCSF scientists have made tremendous breakthroughs in medical research and treatment. Among other things, UCSF research led to the development of a Hepatitis B vaccine, diabetes treatment, and UCSF doctors performed the first successful surgery on a baby still in its mother’s womb.

Governor Schwarzenegger, on January 9, proposed more than \$700 million in cuts for California’s higher education institutions, including a cut of five percent – or \$11 million – in UC research funding. The Schwarzenegger Administration also proposes to hike student fees at UC, CSU and California Community Colleges, including a 40 percent increase in graduate student fees at UC and CSU (see attached summary of proposed budget impacts).

Over 225,000 Californians work in the biomedical industry, with estimated wages and salaries of \$12.8 billion. The University of California’s ability to attract biotechnology companies to California is evident in that one in four biotech companies in the U.S. is located within 35 miles of a UC campus.

Angelides’ visit to UCSF Mission Bay today was the fifth of six stops planned across the State on Tuesday and Wednesday, where the Treasurer is visiting UC, CSU, and California Community College campuses from Chico to San Diego. On Tuesday, the Treasurer visited UCLA’s Center for Embedded Networked Sensing, San Diego City College, and CSU-Fresno’s Viticulture and Enology Research Center. Earlier today he stopped at CSU-Sacramento’s College of Education, and later today, the Treasurer is expected to visit with students, teachers and administrators at CSU-Chico’s School of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology.

For more information about this and other stops on the two-day tour, please contact Communications Director Mitchel Benson at (916) 653-4052.

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Impacts Of Governor Schwarzenegger's Budget On California's Public Higher Education System

Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed budget will have a dramatic, negative impact on the University of California, California State University, and California Community College systems. According to the non-partisan Legislative Analyst, the Governor's Budget "includes over \$700 million in reductions in higher education."

Here are some of the specific impacts of the Governor's budget proposal:

Cuts in Funding

- Reduces UC research funding by five percent (\$11.6 million)
- Eliminates General Fund support for the UC Digital California Project, which provides access for K-12 school districts to the Internet (\$14.3 million)
- Eliminates General Fund support for UC and CSU outreach programs (\$110 million)
- Increases student-to-faculty ratios by five percent (\$88.7 million)
- Makes unallocated funding reductions, which could lead to, among other things, a loss of course sections (\$98 million for UC and CSU over two years)

Higher Fees and Tuition

- Hikes undergraduate fees at UC and CSU by 10 percent (UC: from \$4,985 to 5,482; CSU: from \$2,046 to \$2,251)
- Hikes fees for graduate students at UC and CSU by 40 percent (UC: from \$5,219 to \$7,307; CSU: from \$2,256 to \$3,158)
- Hikes fees for Community College students by 44 percent (\$18 to \$26 per unit)

Reductions in Enrollment

- The budget proposes to reduce the enrollment at both UC and CSU. 8,200 students will be turned away at UC, and 13,800 will be turned away at CSU.

Cuts in Financial Aid

- The budget reduces eligibility for Cal Grants for middle-income families by reducing the family income threshold by 10 percent (For Cal Grant A, from \$67,000 to \$60,840 for a family of four).
- Reduces amount of UC and CSU fee revenue allocated to financial aid from one-third of fee revenues to 20 percent.
- Provides no increase in Cal Grant awards to reflect increase in fees at UC and CSU.